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### Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A paint roller frame comprising a shaft having a handle portion fixedly secured to a handle and a roller cage assembly mounted on the opposite end of said shaft for supporting a paint roller sleeve thereon, wherein:

said roller cage assembly is generally perpendicular to said shaft's handle portion;  
said roller cage assembly comprises a bearing portion and an outer portion which is removable to permit replacement of the roller sleeve;

said bearing portion is mounted on said shaft that is passing through an opening in the bearing portion;

said bearing portion has a supporting surface to support the paint roller sleeve and an annular (inner) face against which an adjacent (inner) end surface of the roller sleeve core can be urged to prevent the paint roller sleeve from axial sliding and to inhibit paint flow into the interior of the core;

said outer portion having a supporting surface to support the paint roller sleeve and an annular (outer) face against which an adjacent (outer) end surface of the roller sleeve core can be urged to prevent the paint roller sleeve from axial sliding and to inhibit paint flow into the core interior;

said bearing portion and said outer portion further comprising mating connection means and, for painting, ~~directly and firmly connected using these~~ forming a mating connection between said portions ~~means~~ having characteristics that ensure fast and tight trapping of the core and that prevent weakening of the sleeve squeezing while painting.

Claims 2 (original): A paint roller frame as claimed in claim 1 further comprising two resilient washers adjacent to said inner and outer annular faces to significantly improve sealing of the core's interior and to create a strain that prevents unscrewing of the outer portion and, therefore, further ensures secure sleeve squeezing during painting.

Claims 3 (original): A paint roller frame as claimed in claim 1 where said bearing portion further comprises a washer to prevent leaks inside the roller cage assembly along the shaft through said opening in the bearing portion.

Claims 4 (original): A paint roller frame as claimed in claim 1 where the length of said roller cage assembly is adjustable by repositioning of the roller cage parts allowing usage of the same roller frame with roller sleeves of different lengths.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claims 6 (original): A paint roller frame as claimed in claim 1 wherein said roller cage can be removed from the shaft, disassembled for maintenance or replacement of worn parts, assembled again, and mounted on the shaft with the help of conventional tools.

Claims 7 (original): A paint roller frame as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a clip-on end wig that can be mounted on the cylinder surface of said annular face of the outer